

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiffs, )  
v. )  
RAYMOND C. WHITBECK, SR., )  
Defendant. )  
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ORDER

This matter is before the court on the defendant's motion, Filing No. 109, requesting multiple transcripts. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has consistently held that a defendant is not entitled to court records, such as a transcript, at government expense in advance of filing a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. See, e.g., *Chapman v. United States*, 55 F.3d 390, 390-391 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995): "We held in *United States v. Losing*, 601 F.2d 351, 352 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1979) (per curiam), that under 28 U.S.C. § 753(f) and under Supreme Court authority 'any request for a free transcript prior to the filing of a section 2255 complaint is premature.' We also held that under section 753(b), access to materials such as a transcript is not constitutionally required until after judicial certification that access is required to decide issues presented in a pending, non-frivolous case. *Id.* at 353."

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that defendant's motion for transcripts, Filing No. 109, is denied as premature.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph F. Bataillon  
Chief United States District Judge